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## What is Medicare Part D?

- Coverage for prescription medications (over-the-counter not covered)
- Voluntary
- Lifetime penalty (2022- \$4.00 per month) if a beneficiary does not have other "creditable" coverage and does not enroll in a Part D plan when eligible.
- Must have Medicare Part A and/or B in order to enroll.
- Plans are sold by private, Medicare approved Part D insurance companies
  - o (23 plans in Indiana in 2022)

## What is the cost for a Part D plan in 2022?

- Annual deductible is \$0 to \$480
- Monthly premiums range from \$6.80 to \$92.50

#### **How does Medicare Part D work?**

- After deductible is met, Plans pay at least 75%, you pay 25% or less
- In 2022, once you and your plan have spent \$4,430, the "initial coverage limit" (not including monthly premium) you are now in the "donut hole" and you pay 25% for generics and about 25% for brand name covered drugs.
  - o The "Coverage Gap" or "Donut Hole" of no drug coverage is gone!
- Once you and your plan have spent \$\$7,050 (not including monthly premium), you are in "catastrophic coverage" and you pay 5% and your plan pays 95%.

### When do I enroll?

- Initial Enrollment Period (when you first enroll in Medicare) OR
- Annual Enrollment Period (October 15<sup>th</sup> December 7<sup>th</sup>)
  - o Enroll or switch plans
  - Coverage effective January 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **Helpful Hints**

- 1. Shop! Compare plans every year, even if you like your plan.
- 2. Your new plan will disenroll you from your current plan.
- 3. If you do not make any changes, your current plan will continue.
- 4. For more information or help:
  - o Visit <u>www.medicare.gov</u> (plan compare)
  - o Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) Say Agent!
  - o Call SHIP (State Health Insurance Program) 1-800-452-4800

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